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St Andrew's Church, Swavesey

Sunday 7th May

Coronation Community Picnic

2pm – 4pm

All welcome – bring your own picnic!

(Details to follow)

EDITORIAL

So much happening in our village as spring takes hold, we can get out and about and have the Coronation in May. No doubt there will be events large and small, some are mentioned in this issue, but I have no doubt there will be others so look out for them. A great way for the whole community to get together.

However please be considerate if you need to use your car to get to things, many of our village roads are in a sad state with potholes! plus we need to access our own properties.!

Contributions for the June/July Issue need to be in by April 20th PLEASE! and 500 words maximum less if there are any photographs.

Editor

NB Selwyn who has been running our distribution network is stepping down and handing over to Neil Jordison. Thanks Selwyn for all your efforts.

The Meridian Team.

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

Saturday 1 April	St Andrews Church	Easter Fair - 2-4pm at St Andrews Church - Help Make Easter Gardens - Tombola - Egg Hunt etc
Wednesday 12 April	Parish Council	Annual Parish Meeting
Saturday 29 April	Sustainability Hub	Trees Wildflowers Cake & Tea - Memorial Hall - 10-2pm
Sat - Sun 29 - 30 April	White Horse	May Fest - Live Music
Sunday 7 May	St Andrews Church	Coronation Community Picnic - 2-4pm
Saturday 17 June	St Andrews Church	Plant sale and cream teas - 1.30pm to 4.30pm in St Andrews Church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April		
Saturday 1	St Andrews Church	Easter Fair - 2-4pm at St Andrews Church - Help Make Easter Gardens - Tombola - Egg Hunt etc
Thursday 6	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Wednesday 12	Parish Council	Annual Parish Meeting
Thursday 13	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Saturday 15	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection (Note Saturday)
Friday 21	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins (Note Friday)
Monday 24	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting
Thursday 27	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thu - Fri 27-28	White Horse	May Fest - Ale House from 4pm
Saturday 29	Sustainability Hub	Trees Wildflowers Cake & Tea - Memorial Hall - 10-2pm
Sat - Sun 29 - 30	White Horse	May fest - live Music
May		
Friday 5	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins (Note Friday)
Sunday 7	St Andrews Church	Coronation Community Picnic - 2-4pm
Thursday 11	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Thursday 11	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 18	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Monday 22	Parish Council	Full Council and AGM
Thursday 25	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
June		
Thursday 8	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Saturday 17	St Andrews Church	Plant sale and cream teas - 1.30pm to 4.30pm in St Andrews Church

CLUB REPORTS

HERE COMES SUMMER

Well, we hope so. Who knows, nowadays the weather seems to have many surprises, maybe tropical like last year, but we did once have snow in Swavesey one year in June in the seventies, (yes, we know, most of you are far too young to remember that).

Whatever the months of April and May bring, one thing is certain, we are at the end of our year's programme. We will have held our Annual Exhibition by now, but at the time of publication the results of our Open Competition were not yet available, so you will have to wait until our next issue to see the winners.

We ourselves have been very successful in our friendly competitions with other local clubs, and the standard of entries for internal competitions seems higher than ever. There are only two to go, the very challenging Bamber Trophy (Advisory night on zoom Thursday 13th April for competition on 27th) which depends on ones wide range of skills, and the Pairs Competition, (11th May) in which our more talented members are twinned with someone less experienced to produce a set of images to compete against others similarly paired up. We pride ourselves on the help and advice we share with newer members; this is a practical way we can achieve this. Our two judges are Ben Pyke and Richard Burns. After all our competition winners have been announced, we ourselves have a chance on May 15th to vote for our personal favourite to become Image of the Year. This will head all our postings and our membership cards for next year.

We still have two interesting talks planned, 'The Little Print Show ' by Jonathan Vaines (20th April) and 'Street Photography' by Steve Williams (4th June). Both have brilliant websites, so do view them to see if you would like to join us on either or both evenings.

All that will remain of this year's programme will be our AGM on 25th May and our Annual Dinner on 1st June. Remember to look for images and results from the Exhibition in your next magazine; by then we might have a date for our Welcome Evening in September, a free event, everyone welcome, so hope to see you then.

Mo Hadfield

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Swavesey WI News

In early February, members of Swavesey WI met in the White Horse pub to remember past member Margaret Springer who passed away in late 2022. Together with Margaret's daughter Sarah, a light lunch was served and many fond memories were exchanged. Margaret was very well known in the village. She and her late husband Michael lived at Bottle Bank Farm for many years.

Rev. Lucy Cleland, Priest in charge of Swavesey, Over, Longstanton and Willingham parishes was welcomed as our speaker to our February meeting. She was a very entertaining speaker,giving us an account of her life so far and how she studied for the priesthood.

Swavesey WI hosts Compass Cafe at Bethel Chapel on the 4th Thursday of the month. Great coffee and homemade cakes galore! We look forward to serving you!

Have you just moved into our village and looking to make new friends? A big welcome awaits you at our WI and we would like you to come along to one of our meetings and see what we get up to! We meet the second Monday of the month in the Memorial Hall, 7.30pm.

Our new programme takes off this April. It promises to be varied, something for everyone we hope.

Ring one of the contact nos.below for more information.

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Swavesey & District History Society

January meeting. On a bitterly cold, very frosty night, 35 members heard Mark Pardoe from Hitchin talk on "The Picture Postcard as an Eyewitness to History". The postcard became very popular from 1893 but initially only the address was permitted on the back with a dominant picture and just a very brief message space on the front. From 1903 it became explosively popular when the front was occupied by a much bigger picture with a 50/50 message and address space on the back. In Nottingham there were seven postal collections and deliveries each day. One message simply read "Will meet you at 3.30 this afternoon, not 4". Mark covered topics ranging from the seaside to town centres, transport to entertainment, school photos to farming and from domestic servants to aristocrats. Members readily recognised changes which have taken place since the early 1900s. Thus, the splendid corn exchange in Bury St Edmunds is now a Wetherspoon's pub, the large cattle market in the middle of St Albans is now a busy street and shopping centre and the pleasant, leafy lane leading out of Luton is the main entrance to Luton airport. Ladies invariably wore large, feathered hats while little girls wore pinafores – and often large hats too. Gentlemen apparently paddled in the sea wearing boater hats, their best suits and trousers rolled up to their knees. Scarborough was an elegant seaside resort and photos always showed visitors in expensive clothes. Very few cars were around and it was often clear that the photographer, with his cumbersome equipment, was standing in the middle of the street in major towns. A variety of horse-drawn vehicles was on view, from fast-moving traps to a very large wagon loaded heavily with bales of hops and a splendid 1904 horse-drawn bus in Colchester.

February meeting. The booked speaker failed to arrive so without any recent preparation Carole Pook, the Society's Chairman, delivered an excellent talk on Witchcraft and the Pendle Witches.

Before about 1600 when the country was under Catholic rule witchcraft was not illegal in England. Admittedly, there was a recognised wise woman in most villages who acted as midwife, nurse and apothecary using herbs to cure illnesses and injuries but although these women were often believed to have magical powers, similar to witches, they were accepted in society. With the Reformation, the Protestants took a different view and when James I came to the throne in 1603 the law changed since he was convinced that witchcraft was evil. Christopher Marlowe and Ben Jonson wrote plays about witchcraft and Shakespeare wrote Macbeth in 1606, probably to please James I. From around 1600 to about 1750 a witchcraft craze engulfed Europe with thousands executed. In England around 500 witches were put to death over this period but in Germany the persecution was far more vigorous.

In 1612 in a remote part of the Lancs/Yorks border, Catholic views were still largely adhered to but the ruling class wished to bring in the laws of King James. In this village around Pendle Hill were two rival families with an

awesome reputation for witchcraft: the Chattox and the Demdike families. A good living could be made at the time by posing as witches and the two families, both quite poor, were each trying to make a living from healing by the use of herbs and magical powers but also straying into begging and extortion apparently. One day in March 1612 Alizon, one of the young Demdikes met John Law, a pedlar, and asked him for some pins. Law refused and they parted but as she looked back Alizon saw Law stumble and apparently become instantly lame. Seeing the chance of some prestige in being regarded as a powerful witch Alizon confessed that she caused the injury. Within days the local JP summoned 3 of the Demdikes who quickly accused the Chattox family of even more serious crimes linked to witchcraft. Three days later two Chattox members and one Demdike were summoned by the JP.

The situation very rapidly deteriorated, culminating in one of the most famous witch trials in England which took place at Lancashire Assizes on 18/19 August 1612 when 19 people went on trial. Ten were from the group of twelve known as the Pendle Witches. By now the Pendle Witches were charged with ten murders, mostly of very young children, by the use of witchcraft. Of the ten - eight women and two men – nine were found guilty and executed by hanging; one was found not guilty. In 1736 all laws against witchcraft were repealed

Next meetings-

21 March. From Blacksmith to Dental Surgeon. Mike Muncaster.

18 April. All that Glisters: Discoveries at Trumpington Meadows. Alison Dickens

The Over Players present Jane Austen's 'Pride & Prejudice'

Thursday 1 June to Saturday 3 June 2023

at Over Community Centre CB24 5NW

All of the wit and romance of Jane Austen's classic novel come to life in this refreshingly fast-paced and engaging adaptation. Finding a husband is hardly Elizabeth Bennet's most urgent priority, but with four sisters, an overzealous match-making mother, and a string of unsuitable suitors, it's difficult to escape the subject.

Auditions are now complete and the show has now been cast, but we are still keen to hear from any potential backstage crew for costume, hair, make-up, technical etc.. We are your local AmDram group and a warm welcome to anyone interested is guaranteed.

For further information, or to express an interest in participating backstage, please go to our website www.overplayers.uk

News from the Hale Road Allotments.

As always I am writing this way before the magazine is due out, and it is hard to believe that by the time it is read the growing season will have begun. The winter was not kind at the allotment site. The prolonged cold weather killed a number of plants that would normally survive over the winter and produce early crops. If the weather were not enough of a problem, at least one plot holder lost all his broad bean plants to the mice!!

Sometimes having an allotment seems like a constant battle between the elements and pests! So why do we do it? Well there is nothing nicer than harvesting things you have grown, and eating them when they are at their very freshest. We also get plenty of exercise too. There is always lots of physical work to be done, be it digging, weeding or watering depending on the time of the season.

As some may know the Hale Road Allotments are now over ten years old. Selwyn Richardson was instrumental in the planning and setting up of the site. He was chairman for the first 6 years until 2018, and his dedication and commitment (whilst chairman, and subsequently as a non-committee member) has helped to make the Hale Road Allotment and Gardening Association what it is today, an allotment site which is held up to be one of the best in East Anglia. In recognition of all his efforts he has recently been made the Honorary President of the Association. The list of things that Selwyn has done for the site would exceed my word limit for this article but for all you have done Selwyn and will hopefully continue to do thank you.

If you would like to know more about having an allotment please get in touch. My details are in the club section of the magazine. We have a waiting list but I'd be happy to add your name to that list for either a full or half plot.

Val (Allotment Committee Chair.)

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Over Day Centre - Some Events for 2023

To help the Over Day Centre raise £50,000 towards solar panels and solar-powered bathing for clients, amongst other events, the Day Centre is planning to hold again in 2023 two very popular days :

The 5-pub Challenge and The Bike Rides

Sunday 14th May

Sunday 25th June

We hope the 5-pubs, 12 mile walk, will have a choice of stops at the usual watering-holes of Pike & Eel, Needingworth; The Ferryboat, Holywell; The Three Tuns, Fen Drayton; The White Horse, Swavesey; and the Community Centre, Over.

The Bike Rides will again have a choice of fully route-marked rides, planned by Willingham Wheels and Swavesey & Over Cycling Club. You will be able to choose from 100km, 50km and family routes through local countryside and villages. Afterwards you will be welcome to join us for an after-ride social at the Community Centre, Over.

Willingham Wheels are also organising a 'Sofa-to-50k', 8-week training programme, for novice riders to gradually increase their distance, culminating in the 50k ride.
For details, please contact Nigel at sofa250k@outlook.com.

Further details will be published soon but in the meantime please add the two event dates to your diaries.

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An update from RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes

Lapwing : Andy Hay (rspb-images.com)

Lapwings are wading birds that can be found in grasslands, farmland and wetlands. They are well known for their distinctive calls, giving them the alternative name 'peewit', their complex courtship displays and their striking plumage, in particular their head crests. Sadly, lapwing populations in the UK have declined significantly over the past few decades, predominantly due to changes in agricultural practices and the loss of suitable nesting habitats, meaning that they are now a red-listed species in the UK and are deemed a conservation priority. Here at Fen Drayton Lakes, we have seen a steady decrease in breeding numbers so are working to provide suitable habitats and to implement effective habitat management measures with the aim of helping the species recover.

Lapwings are ground-nesting birds that lay their eggs in shallow scrapes, often in grassy fields. The chicks are born precocial, meaning they leave the nest after hatching and feed themselves with the help of their parents who care for them until they fledge. Nesting lapwings require suitable grass sward and vegetation conditions in order to build their nests and rear their young. The ideal habitat is an area of short, grazed grass with some scattered tussocky vegetation and bare patches with nearby shallow water margins. This type of habitat provides cover for the birds, feeding areas for adults and chicks, and reduces the risk of predation.

The grasslands of Ferry Mere along the northern edge of the lake are the best area for nesting lapwings at the reserve and we carry out management work in order to maintain it as a suitable habitat. The area is grazed by cattle in the summer and autumn to ensure suitable grass conditions the following spring when lapwings are looking to nest with a majority low, even height. This enables the birds to see around them and watch out for predators, thus making them feel more secure and more likely to nest.

Having nearby tall trees and shrubs can deter lapwing from nesting as they provide cover for ground predators, such as foxes, and perching points for avian predators, such as crows, that can take eggs and chicks. In previous years we have worked to fell trees from around the ditches on Ferry Mere and this past winter we have spent time with our volunteer work group removing a dense area of tall trees from the lake edge very near to our shallow pools where lapwings are often seen and have nested in the past. Not only will this improve the area for the birds, but it also has the added benefit of opening up views of the lake from the footpath and view shelter along the north of Ferry Lake.

As we head into spring the large wintering lapwing flocks will start to disperse, but we hope that some will stay and choose to nest out on Ferry Mere or elsewhere at the reserve. We will be carefully monitoring lapwing numbers as part of our annual breeding bird surveying to see the effects of our management work and determine

if there is more we can do. In fact, we are already working on plans for another project to try to ensure the continued presence of shallow pools that remain wet throughout the breeding season. Watch this space for more details in the future.

Wednesday Wander

Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Volunteer-led guided walks take place once a month, usually on the second Wednesday.

Dawn Chorus Walk

Be an early bird and join us on a morning walk around Fen Drayton Lakes to experience the magic of the spring dawn chorus. Listen to the spectacular sounds of the birds bursting into song as the sun rises over the lakes on 29th April.

To see details and book, please visit:
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Swavesey 100 Years ago (April & May 1923)
From the Cambridge Chronicle

MILK. 13th April 1923

The retail price of milk in Swavesey has been reduced to 5d. per quart.

A LEAKAGE. 20th April 1923

A correspondent writes: What, may I ask, is the cause of the mysterious leakage which for some days past has been spoiling the fair surface of the public highway near Swan Pond? At first, we thought that another water supply pipe had burst, but now the colour of the liquid leads us to suggest that a drain needs attention.

THE DRAINS. 20th April 1923

The report of the Ministry of Health Inspector, Dr. H. T. Calvert, who inspected the drainage of Swavesey on Feb. 2nd, has been received by the Rural District Council, and on Friday last the Chairman of the Council (Mr. J. Frohock), Mr. F. Kirby (vice-chairman), and the two local councillors (Messrs. R. Norman and C. Wood), made a careful examination of the open drain between Middle Watch and Church End, with a view, it is understood, to remedial measures being adopted, including the erection of a flushing tank in Middle Watch. It is not known whether the district councillors included in their investigations the un-trapped gratings to the drain in High-street, near Turn Bridge. The stench from these openings is frequently most offensive, especially at night, and can be remedied.

NATIONAL SAVINGS. 27th April 1923

Mrs. C. Wood has undertaken the duties of local hon. sec. of the National Savings Scheme and is in attendance at the school every Friday from 6 to 7 p.m., to receive contributions. The scheme is of great service to the individual as well as the State, and is open to all classes of contributors.

FOOTBALL ENTHUSIASTS. 4th May 1923

Twenty-four passengers travelled from Swavesey Station to London on Saturday by the special Cup Final excursion train, which left at 4.50 a.m. At Swavesey there was standing room only, but from Cambridge, where extra coaches were put on, the journey was made in comfort.

A NOVEL BRAKE. 18th May 1923

Two old boots formed the brake blocks of a hawker's wagonette which passed through the village on Tuesday morning. The wagonette was laden with goods for sale.

THE FEAST. 18th May 1923

"Come, gentle Spring, ethereal mildness, come," was the prayer of Swavesey people last weekend, for nice, fine weather is an essential of a successful Feast.

But instead of "ethereal mildness" they had to endure cold, inclement, and stormy weather. Visitors were few compared with the crowds that were wont to attend the annual festival in bygone years, and the showman element was not up to pre-war average. The services at the parish church on Sunday were well attended, especially in the evening, when there was an exceptionally large congregation. The service was bright and hearty, and the choir sang an anthem. During the evening the Willingham Salvation Army Band played in Market Street amongst the assembling Feast folk, and held a meeting. Cricket matches should have been the attraction on Monday and Tuesday afternoons, but owing to the weather they failed to attract the usual crowds. On Monday, Swavesey defeated Lolworth, and on Tuesday managed to score a first innings victory over their Over neighbours. Neither Over nor Swavesey were at full strength – in fact it is understood that there was difficulty in finding players in both villages hardy enough to face the elements. With perhaps two exceptions batsmen and fielders wore coats, and some of the latter even donned long macintoshes. Cricket under such conditions may have been heroic but was hardly cricket. A few shivering spectators crouched under the shelter of the School and of neighbouring houses. There was a better attendance at the "Feast," which, in accordance with custom, was held in Market Street, on Tuesday evening, than on Monday, and it was noticed that the stalls, etc, were arranged on a far better plan than in previous years.

Chris Richardson

The Selwyn's diabolical puzzle on book titles. Part 7.

Each clue below leads to the title of a well-known book. All the books come under the category of fiction, so do not look for Roget's Thesaurus or A Brief History of Time etc. General knowledge, a mildly cryptic approach and Google™ should provide most of the answers.

Found wandering during July's session (7)

The exorcist's responsibility (10)

They will not meet by mistake (6, 5)

Commit an offence in company or back at University (6, 6)

British hippie's enthusiastic remark regarding sticky sweet (8, 4)

Nelson's wife accompanying the Lord High Everything Else (bar none, we hear!) (6, 3, 4)

Takes armchair to class for refurbishment (1, 9, 5)

Condemn me if a situation runs wild (2, 4, 3, 3)

Shh! Evil bounder felt to shake uncontrollably (3, 5, 2, 3,12)

Don't breathe a word when I let Hitch direct characters (3, 4, 3, 5, 3, 3, 8)

You will find the answers to this puzzle on page **24**.

It Will Probably Be Cloudy…

A guide to the night sky over Swavesey during April and May.

After the visit of a once every 50,000-year orbit comet C/2022 E3 (ZTF) during January and February, there might be other opportunities to spot comets later in the year. For example, 62P/Tsuchinshan will be approaching the Sun in late 2023, with its closest approach to the Sun on 24th December, and its closest point to the Earth on 30th January 2024.

The full moon on 6th April was known by early Native American tribes as the Pink Moon because it marked the appearance of the moss pink, or wild ground phlox, which is one of the first spring flowers. This moon has also been known as the Sprouting Grass Moon, the Growing Moon, and the Egg Moon. Many coastal tribes called it the Fish Moon because this was the time that the shad swam upstream to spawn. This moon is also known as the Paschal Moon, which is the first Full Moon on or after March 21 and is used to determine the date of Easter.

The Lyrid meteor shower will be visible from 14th – 30th April, peaking on the 22nd – 23rd April. It is the oldest recorded meteor shower still visible today and was first recorded in 687 BCE.

The European Space Agency's JUpiter ICy moons Explorer (JUICE) mission is scheduled to launch between 5-25 April 2023. It will take over seven years to reach its destination. JUICE will spend around two years orbiting Jupiter and making close flybys of Europa, Ganymede and Callisto. It will then spend the rest of its planned lifetime orbiting Ganymede, which will make it the first spacecraft to orbit a moon that is not our own. On board JUICE are 10 cutting-edge instruments that will help confirm if some or even all three of Jupiter's moons have oceans of liquid water beneath their crusts. If so, could there be life there?

The Eta Aquariid meteor shower is active from 19 April-28 May, peaking around 6 May and expecting to produce up to 50 meteors per hour. The source of the meteor shower is the famous Comet Halley, which is visible from the Earth every 75-76 years.

The Waxing and Waning Crescent Moon phases in April and May are the best time to see earthshine, where the unlit part of the Moon becomes visible, also known as Da Vinci glow. The best time to see earthshine is a few days before and after the New Moons on 20th April and 19th May.

The May full moon, on 5th May, was known by early Native American tribes as the Flower Moon because this was the time of year when spring flowers appeared in abundance. This moon has also been known as the Hare Moon, the Corn Planting Moon and the Milk Moon.

19th May is the third New Moon in a season with four New Moons, making this a Black Moon.

Chris & Helen Nunn

Recycling on our local fields

By Caroline Stevens

Last summer, there was quite a lot of chat/discussion/moaning on Swavesey Village Life (Facebook) about the smell in Swavesey as White's Recycling were working on our local fields. Here at the north end of the village it has been an annual nuisance for some years now, not just the smell, but large tankers frequently parked along the roadside waiting to off-load into the fields. It is particularly bad when they wait at the field opposite St Andrew's church where the road bends slightly and visibility for road users can be very poor. However, it is usually only for a couple of weeks and all part of living in the countryside. Due to the excess smell last summer, (probably caused by the extreme dry weather) and the discussions on Facebook, I sent an email to Whites Recycling to ask if they'd like to let us know what they do each summer to send to our village magazine. So here, for those who are interested is their reply:

Hi Caroline

The material we spread is organic liquid waste from local food and drink production facilities. All our activities are regulated by the Environment Agency via our landspreading permit and the deployment application we submit under that permit.

Before we spread any material to land, the Environment Agency require us to have it analysed by an independent laboratory to ensure it is suitable for use as an agricultural fertilizer, and that it does not contain unacceptable levels of potentially toxic elements. The material we spread is a replacement for commercially manufactured and sold fertilizers and is non-hazardous. Once we have completed an application, the waste is deemed to have been fully recovered, rather than being disposed of, which supports a circular economy. A common misconception is that we spread human waste to land. I can confirm that we do not spread human waste to land; all human waste that we handle is taken to water treatment facilities run by Severn Trent Water and Anglian Water.

I hope this answers your question?

Regards

David Carr

Managing Director

Will Wright Memories

Back in the late 50's and very early 60's most of us youngsters used our bicycles to move around the village and this obviously eventually resulted in going further and travelling to many neighbouring Parishes as well. Those were the days when cycling was the main means of local travel for the bulk of us kids and in fact many adults, as in the 50's there were nearly as many horse & carts on the village roads as there were motor vehicles.

One of the fairly regular spring & summer trips was going to Over and then down to the end of Overcote Rd to access the river for swimming & gaming opposite the Pike & Eel pub. The round trip to Over was also often accessed via Ramper Rd., which in those days was vastly different to today as not only was there a minimal number of daily vehicular movements, but on the straight stretch between Uttons Drove corner & Gravel Bridge Rd, there was 2 dozen or more very large old corrugated iron nisson huts, which were left over from the war-time years when they had been used to store the bombs for the RAF Oakington bomber base. These huts were located on alternate sides of the road verges & still had the original concrete bases and huge sliding doors, so whilst carefully watching the road for traffic we would swing from one side of the road to the other and cycle through many of them, obviously the empty ones that weren't being utilised by the farming fraternity. The road ended with a T junction in those days whereby you would either have to turn left onto Gravel Bridge Rd, to access Over via the Windmill road or right into Longstanton, which was then accessed via the current sports playing field & Pavilion Road, a long time before the village by-pass & its roundabouts, also at the T junction there was a pillbox facing down Ramper Road. It is my understanding this was manned by the local Home guard during the war - must ask Mr Mannering!

The doctors surgery in those days was located in the Manor House on Station road and operated by Doctor Ford, who also used to run a Sunday school bible class for all youths in the village which was very well frequented by many. We had some excellent Xmas parties there and some fantastic summer trips to other parts of the country, one of which I vividly remember was the peak district in Derbyshire where we climbed "Mam Tor".

Clive Oakman & myself had by then got into cycling further distances from the village and were having overnight stays in Youth Hostels en route as we explored different locations. One summer holiday we decided to try a trip to the Peak district having both enjoyed the bible class trip and calculated a 5 day route in the peaks and back, missing most of the major towns & cities though we did have to stop off in Bakewell of course - home of the Tarts! Some of the climbs were naturally a bit of a challenge but the downhill runs made it all worthwhile! Clive's father Ray had made possible a couple of training runs for this as he regularly visited one of the central London markets to purchase the goods for his food retail outlets. We placed our bikes in his van in the early

hours and he dropped us off at the Cambridge roundabout on the North London Circular Rd, We cycled back home on the original old A10 road, this was before the days of by-passes & dual carriageways, let alone motor ways, and so was a good learning trip prior to the the Peaks challenge.

I also cycled to school on Hills Road a few times when the weather was good and I didn't have to catch the school trains enabling me an extra 2 or 3 hours in Cambridge.

Swavesey Roads (part 2)

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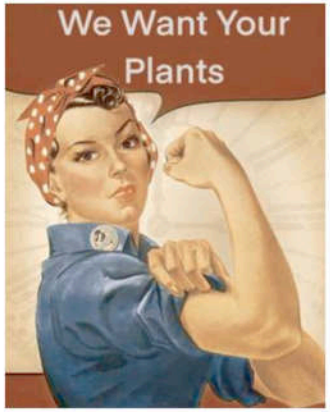
The Sustainability Hub News



TREES, WILDFLOWERS, CAKE AND TEA IN RETURN FOR YOUR SURPLUS GARDEN PLANTS!

Swavesey Sustainability Hub's next free event: April 29th Memorial Hall 10-2pm

As well as the repair cafe, games, cakes and family activities, we will be celebrating spring. With help from the primary school's Eco Committee, the Scouts and Rainbows,

Rob Sutcliffe local gardener, Helen Parish ecologist, and others, and with support and funding from South Cambs Community Chest and Swavesey Parish Council, we are asking you to help us increase biodiversity around Swavesey.

Last summer was brutally hot and dry, and there was little of summer's usual colour amidst the browns and greys to enjoy, or for the wildlife. One exception that jumped out, other than the carefully watered tubs of flowers by the Memorial Hall, was a small patch of riotously beautiful plants and flowers on School Lane just before the Moat Way entrance. This, it turns out, had been enriched with compost (which holds in moisture and strengthens the plants), and then simply filled with plants that naturally thrive in Swavesey, many of them native. Beyond this little to no care was needed and the result was just stunning, as well as a vital source of food and shelter to local wildlife.

With such summers now an inescapable part of our lives, this small but transformative adaption is something we want to replicate on a larger scale - with your help! All we kindly ask is, check your gardens for plants that naturally spread and thrive - see our webpage: www.thesustainabilityhub.biz for illustrations of typical examples. Drop them to us anytime (contact rvollerthun@gmail.com) or bring along on the day, and we will use them to plant some more areas of Swavesey (see our website for a map). These will provide sustainable beauty and colour during our summers, and - more importantly - help maintain and protect our biodiversity. Whether or not you are able to contribute plants, come along and enjoy the day - there will be a free tree and wild flowers seeds to take home to increase your own garden's biodiversity too!

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Compass Café is run as a community event, a place to meet and chat. Your hosts are a group from one of:
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Answers to The Selwyn's diabolical book titles puzzle on page 15	
Found wandering during July's session (7)	Ulysses
The exorcist's responsibility (10)	Possession
They will not meet by mistake (6, 5)	Little Women
Commit an offence in company or back at University (6, 6)	Casino Royale
British hippie's enthusiastic remark regarding sticky sweet (8, 4)	Brighton Rock
Nelson's wife accompanying the Lord High Everything Else (bar none, we hear!) (6, 3, 4)	Winnie the Pooh
Takes armchair to class for refurbishment (1, 9, 5)	A Christmas Carol
Condemn me if a situation runs wild (2, 4, 3, 3)	Of Mice and Men
Shh! Evil bounder felt to shake uncontrollably (3, 5, 2, 3,12)	The Hound of the Baskervilles
Don't breathe a word when I let Hitch direct characters (3, 4, 3, 5, 3, 3, 8)	The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

Door Fundraising

The doctors and staff at Swavesey Surgery would like to say a massive thank to everyone who very kindly donated towards the fund raising, reaching our goal of £8,100. This has now enabled us to arrange for the installation of a new automatic door which will make access a lot easier for those with wheelchairs, pushchairs and walking aids.

The new automatic door will be installed at the surgery in the next few weeks and in readiness for this we have had to remove the concrete ramp into the surgery. We are looking to have a temporary solution soon. If you need assistance to enter the surgery please ask a member of staff and be aware that there is a small step in.

Thank you

Lorna Gardiner

Practice Manager, Swavesey Surgery

Do you have breathing difficulties?
Did you know singing can help?

Singing is a great way to improve the way you breathe and get the best from your lung capacity. The Cambridge Singing for Breathing group is meeting online, using Zoom, on Thursday afternoons 2.30 - 4.00pm and we're looking for new members!

Kay Barrett, founder of the group, says:

"You don't need any singing experience to take part - it's all about what it feels like, not what it sounds like. The camaraderie of the group, the guided relaxation, the breathing exercises and the singing are so much appreciated by everyone and the health benefits transfer over into daily life. Being online singers can join from the comfort of home, even when they are feeling unwell. We sing with microphones turned off, which can actually be very liberating! You simply sing along with the leader, learning uplifting songs often in call and response style. We also use multi-track recordings so we can enjoy singing rounds and harmonies."

Do I have to pay?
Those who can afford it are invited to give a £3.50 donation each week, but this is not essential - we want everyone to be able to come.

Do I have to come along every week?
We know that appointments, sickness, family commitments and such can get in the way! Just come along when you can.

I have Long Covid, can I join?
The gentle pace, breathing exercises and relaxation can be very beneficial, but do check with your doctor or respiratory physio, especially if your symptoms are severe.

How do I join?
Simply email singingforbreathingcambridge@gmail.com or call Mary on 07972645473 for more information and to receive the Zoom link each week.
You can find out more at www.singingforbreathing.wordpress.com
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At last, it is springtime, and we can start looking forward to lighter nights and warmer days! At this time of year many people start thinking about repairs that may need doing in their homes, or a good spring clean. If you are 60 or over and need some help with this your Age UK Community Warden Tracey Booth can help. As well as providing daily phone calls and weekly visits, the Community Warden Scheme can help you find reputable tradespeople and reliable domestic help, we can make enquiries and phone calls on your behalf, get quotes and book appointments.

Now the weather is improving you may also be thinking about getting out and about more. The Warden scheme can help make this easier for you too. We can assist you with applying for or renewing your bus pass or applying for a blue badge. We can put you in touch with volunteer driver schemes and community car schemes to help you attend essential appointments more easily. Maybe you're thinking about taking up a new hobby or joining a social club, we can help you find groups you may enjoy, and arrange transport to them, we'll even go with you the first couple of times to help you break the ice and settle in.

These are just a few examples of how the Community Warden Scheme can help you get the most out of things. If you are interested in learning more about the Scheme or signing up for a 2-week free trial, please call Tracey Booth on **07436 102736**.

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After School Club 3.15 pm to 6.00 pm
For Reception to Year 6 children: £12 per child, family rate £11 per child

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Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers.

World Thinking Day

On a Saturday afternoon in February around 60 members of Girlguiding Over District met together in Bethel Baptist Church to celebrate World Thinking Day; Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Young Leaders and Leaders. We used the WAGGGS Activity Pack; Our World, Our Peaceful Future and explored what we can learn from the environment and how we can work with nature to create a more peaceful and secure future for girls everywhere.

The girls heard the story of Miku who could wish for anything she wanted – unless it broke the rules of nature. In the middle of winter, she got too cold and wished for it to be warm and sunny, but that was against the rules of nature and her forest vanished into thin air! We then heard the story of the corn maidens who dance to make the flowers grow, but there were no plants and therefore nothing for the mice to eat.

The girls had an activity with balls of wool to learn about how everything in nature works together and is all connected and how a break in any of that affected the whole system. The maidens started to dance again and the plants grew and the mice ate… until there was a rumble! Oh no the volcano had erupted!

The next part of the story was hearing about Pele the Goddess of Volcanos, and the damage natural disasters can do to nature. We played a beetle type game, in mixed groups, with stones (people), leaves (animal habitat) and sticks (technology to keep people and wildlife happy) to try and learn to manage the resources in our world and explore how to build diverse communities with limited resources. We had to be careful as the volcano may erupt and destroy the resources already collected. We found if we worked together and swapped resources, we reached our goals faster.

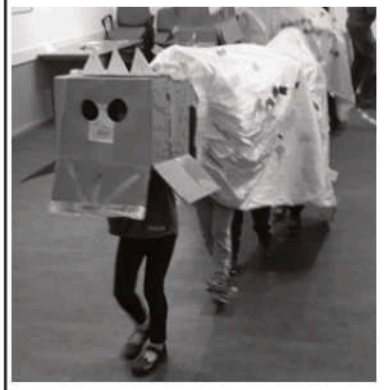
Then we met Amrita whose King wanted to chop down her forest to build with, we helped her by making a beautiful flower garden which meant the word was full of life again! The girls could choose which flowers they made from the eight craft varieties around the room.

Then we all sat in a circle together and listening to Debbie our District Commissioner asking and telling us about the fact we are part of a fantastic organisation of 10 million girls and women and should be proud of that. We celebrate WTD on February 22nd each year as that is the joint birthday of our founder, Lord Baden Powell and his wife Olave who was the first Chief Guide. Six Guides lit candles to think about people who are all different and each girl turned on a battery light to show they are unique and special. We then rolled coins onto the world map on the floor and thought about girls in different countries. The money was sent to the WAGGGS fund. We then all remade our promises section by section and sang our goodbye songs. It is lovely to all get together for events like this and everyone earned a badge!

Rainbows and Brownies are full with waiting lists, sign your daughters up early for Rainbows, don't wait until she is 5 and her friends have started!
www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

Adult volunteers are always welcome, please get in touch if you think you can help or would like to know more.
www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-your-interest/

1st Swavesey Scout Group



As I write this, we are halfway through the winter term. All three sections have been busy. The photo is of the dragon created by the Beavers for Chinese New Year. The Beavers also invested 5 new Beavers this term.

The Cubs spent a couple of weeks using saws, screwdrivers and drills to turn 3 old pallets into planters. These will be lined and planted out after Easter. This term for the first time since the new Beaver colony started two of the Beavers swam up to join cubs. Along with 2 other new starters they have all been invested.

Scouts have celebrated Burns night and did restaurant evening for their parents. The cooking was to a high standard and a good evening was had by the parents. It's not often that scout parents get invited along to see what their young people are up to.

By time this has been delivered the Beavers will have attended a tour and talk from pilots at Cambridge Airport. The Cubs will have embarked on their first hike of the year. The dark evenings do not deter us.

Also the Cubs will have taken part in the District Unihoc tournament. This comprises 3 competitions: 6 a side football, Unihoc (indoor hockey with a plastic puck instead of ball) and tug of war. The event held at Swavesey Village College is a great chance for the cubs to meet and interact with others from the local area.

The senior Scouts will have embarked on their overnight expedition in March. They have to plan the route themselves and carry everything apart from their tents. This will get them the Expedition Challenge Badge and for most of them one of the final steps to achieving their Chief Scout's Gold Award.

The other thing we as a group have done is set the date and chosen the venue for our group Scout camp in early July. We're hopeful that we don't have a very hot spell like last year so we don't have to cancel it.

If your child would be interested in joining Beavers, Cubs or Scouts please don't be afraid to contact us. We offer each a child a chance to try first before committing.

Scouts meet on a Wednesday evening at 7pm. Cubs meet on Tuesday at 6.15pm and Beavers at 6pm on Thursday.

Beavers (ages 6-8) elizabeth.bush@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk
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SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News January/February 2023

Councillor Vacancy

Following the resignation of a Cllr in January we are pleased to have co-opted Sue Ellington to the Parish Council at the February meeting.

County Council Highways

The speed reduction works scheduled for Fen Drayton Rd were delayed earlier this year due to significant cost increases. Following discussions with County Council Highways the proposals were reviewed and we are pleased to confirm that the scheme will go ahead. There has still been a cost increase however the County Council has agreed to maintain its 90% contribution. The scheme should be installed now around the end of March.

We have been advised that repair works to Over Rd to deal with the worst areas closest to Over are scheduled for this coming financial year. In Swavesey the section of Station Rd from Church End to the Busway is scheduled for re-surfacing in some 3-5 year's time.

Hopefully by the time you read this, Buckingway Rd will have had the remaining potholes filled and the entire length surface dressed.

Councillor Mandy Smith arranged a meeting at the School Lane/Thistle Green junction with Safer Routes to School highways officers & Parish Cllrs to continue discussions around this coming year's LHI bid which entails improvements & additional safety measures to this junction.

Northstowe Phase 1 planning conditions include S106 money to provide traffic calming measures for 11 villages around Northstowe. The County Council has started discussions with Parish Councils as to what measures this could provide for the villages. For Swavesey this money can only be used for Ramper Rd-Boxworth End. We have started to look at potential options and will be asking for comments from the community at various events over the coming months. The collection of speed & traffic count data is ongoing, with proof that recent closures of the B1050 as well as traffic using Swavesey as a through-route to Northstowe, has resulted in extreme increases in vehicle movements and this is when there are only some 1300 occupancies in Northstowe.

COUNCIL NEWS

A house on the bend of Station Road has suffered some damage when hit by a car which mounted the pavement in the early hours.

One of the Market St. bollards has been damaged after being hit by a wheelie bin lorry and will be repaired.

District Council business

An SCDC air quality monitor was located by the primary school entrance for the first 6 months of 2022, the published report shows that recorded levels "represented good air quality".

Drainage

A meeting was held on February 3rd with our MP Anthony Browne and representatives from Anglian Water, Environment Agency (EA), Internal Drainage Board and Parish Council. The aim of the meeting was to highlight the effect future local development will have on the Uttons Drove Sewage Treatment Works (STW) plus the surface water through our drainage scheme. One has to consider the Northstowe build-out, the Bourn airfield site and the continuing growth of Cambourne giving a potential total of approximately 15,000+ dwellings, with associated buildings, with all the foul water flowing through the STW and then treated water through the Swavesey drainage system to the river.

The issue of the river bank height, which is below its design level also continues to be discussed with the EA. The Parish Council also continues to chase the implementation of the telemetry system condition for the Bloor development, with the EA.

Planning

The PC submitted comments on the planning application for two new dwellings on the site of the old barn along Taylors Lane, including that the proposal is outside of the development framework.

Council administration

Cllr Rachel Vollerthun has been appointed PC representative for the Community Orchard Management team. Cllr Colin Parsons has been appointed as a trustee of the Community Pavilion Trust.

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Cllr Sue Rogers has been appointed as PC representative of the Carols in Market St committee.

Other business

The new 3G artificial pitch at the Village College is now in use. The PC supported this project by way of grant funding and it is a terrific facility for our community. Many congratulations to Tony Rudkin & the team for bringing this project to fruition. Discussions are now underway between the PC, Cambs FA & the Football Foundation to start the next project, which is for new grass-field sports pitches for the community on the Parish land behind Burgess Close.

The Community Orchard should now have a new entrance & access ramp which will provide a much safer & easier access to/from the Orchard alongside Station Rd. The original public right of way entrance will remain in place. Fencing will be installed around the new pond as a requirement of the grant funding provided as part of Natural England's funding scheme for Great Crested Newt habitat, which has to be managed without disturbance. Our thanks to ENVEA UK for grant funding and also the Eastern Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group and congratulations to the Orchard Group management team for making it all possible.

The Sustainability Hub & Biodiversity group together with Sheddit have been awarded an SCDC biodiversity grant to enable work on village areas that have been identified for planting & re-wilding.

A new Rowan tree provided by a District Council free trees scheme has been planted in Whitton Close by the resident's re-wilding group.

The PC has supported a resident's request to Virgin Media to relocate the junction boxes along the footpath by the Londis shop. Support was also given to the RSPB for a grant application for projects in the Fen Drayton Lakes Nature Reserve and to CamCycle for their application to the Big Give Green fund to support local community walking and cycling projects.

The PC agreed to provide S106 money to the Sustainability Hub for gift packets of wildflower seeds to visitors to the spring event and linked to the King's Coronation in May.

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Swavesey Parish Council meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month for Planning items and on the 4th Monday of each month for Full Council.

All meetings are held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. There is always a 10 minute public forum at the start of the meeting.

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From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Hello Everybody

At last we have warmer weather and a promise of summer around the corner. As I write this I am preparing for the District Council Budget meeting in February. I am happy to report that the council appears to be on a sound financial footing unlike many other councils but I wish they had not decided to increase council tax when so many are finding problems in making ends meet.

Many of you will have noticed that the housing development in Middlewatch has stopped. This is expected to recommence in the summer but I will keep you informed. I am chairman of the liaison committee for developers in Swavesey. This helps to enable developers to work together and cause minimum problems in the village as well as the Parish, District and County officers to help iron out issues. It has worked very well and I would like to thank all those involved.

Compass Cafe continues to welcome all ages to coffee and homemade cake on a Thursday morning 10.30 to 12. Each week of the month is run by village organisations - St. Andrew's Church, Bethel Baptist Chapel, WI, PTA, and Girl Guides. But on the 5th Thursday other village organisations are welcome to take control. This can raise funds for special projects, charities or organisations. If you are interested in taking a 5th Thursday contact me or Caroline Stevens or drop in and have a word. The Community Warden Scheme is running the 5th Thursday in March.

Peterborough and Cambridge Combined Authority are currently consulting on a Bus Strategy. This is supported financially by the Government and seeks to build a service with the following aims :

- An integrated, coherent network linking people to the places they want to get to:
- Bus services for rural areas
- Getting to places quickly and on time
- Value for money and simple, integrated ticketing
- Delighting customers

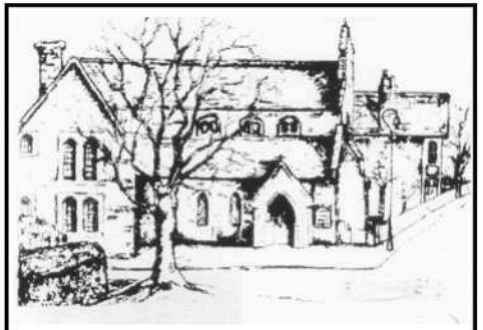
I would support these ideals but fear it might be very difficult to achieve especially as the current bus service is so poorly used at the moment.

As District Councillor I have always focused on the importance of community and I become more and more aware that local transport (within the village) is probably the most important service to enable residents to meet, reduce loneliness, and promote our community. We desperately need a spontaneous service which will enable residents to get to the guided bus, doctors surgery, Church, Chapel, Village College, Memorial Hall and Thistle Green as well as visit relatives. The community car service do a wonderful job but they are short of drivers and have to focus on hospital and Health appointments usually, outside the village. I am writing this to see if there is anybody who has any ideas about how we can work towards a local transport service. Please contact me - if we work together it ought to be possible to introduce a service on one or two days a week.

As always, if I can help sort out any council related issue please contact me on email Cllr.Ellington@scambs.gov.uk, or phone 01954202923

Sue Ellington

District Councillor for Swavesey Ward.



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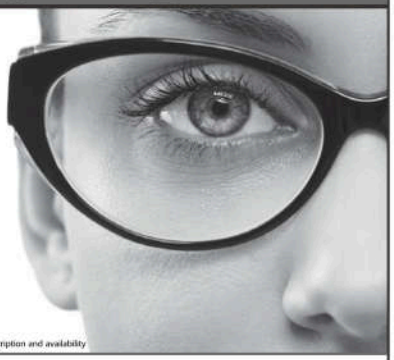

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St Andrew's Church

Easter Services
There will be a range of Easter services spread across our 5Folds benefice churches, so if you can't find the service you're looking for at St Andrew's, please check our partner churches of St Mary's, Over; All Saints, Longstanton and St Mary's and All Saints, Willingham. You will be made welcome wherever you choose to worship.

Mothering Sunday: March 19th: 11am: Holy Communion
Palm Sunday, April 2nd: 11am: Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday: April 6th: Benefice Service to be confirmed
Good Friday: April 7th: 3pm: Poetry and meditations on the Stations of the Cross
Easter Sunday: 11am: Holy Communion

Regular Services
We hold a service at St Andrew's every Sunday at 11am. For the first three Sundays of the month, this is a celebration of Holy Communion but on the fourth Sunday, we have a Morning Praise service which is less formal. When there is a fifth Sunday, we take part in a 5Folds benefice service at one of our benefice churches.

At 8pm on the first Thursday of each month, we have fifteen minutes of silence and prayer remembering the people of Ukraine followed by Compline (a short-sung service of night prayer). By tradition, people then leave in silence.

We would love to welcome you to any of our services.
If at any time, you feel that you would like to talk to a minister, please ring Rev'd Lucy Cleland (Team Vicar): 01954 277758

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will take place after the 11am service on Sunday, 23th April, followed by a Bring and Share Lunch.
If you have any queries about church services or about our events, please contact the churchwardens:
Nicky Carne: 01954 230971: nicky_carne@hotmail.com
Jacqui Fuller: 01954 230774: jacqui_fuller@hotmail.com

St Ives Food Bank
If you would like to donate food to the Food Bank at St Ives which serves our local area, we have a box in church for your food gifts. The box is emptied regularly and the contents taken to the centre at All Saint Parish Church in St Ives. More information, including particular needs and shortages, can be found at:
https://www.stivesparishchurch.org.uk/foodbank/

St Andrew's Church

Snowdrop Open Garden, February 5th
How lucky we were on February 5th; the sun shone brightly on the spring flowers and lots of you walked up to St Andrew's to stroll around the Priory House gardens and admire the snowdrops and winter aconites. Many of you enjoyed the opportunity to visit Jeremy's Open Studio and completed your afternoon by buying some snowdrops and having a slice of cake and a cup of tea.

Your donations and the sale of refreshments and plants raised just over £700 for St Andrew's during the afternoon. We are so grateful for your generosity and support and must also say a big thank you to Jeremy and Gillian Newsum for opening their garden to the village once again.

Future Events
We have a few events coming up that you might like to pop in your diaries:
Saturday, April 1st: 2pm – 4pm: Easter Fair (Details below)
Sunday, May 7th: 2pm – 4pm Coronation picnic: All welcome
June 17th: 10am – 4pm: Plant Sale
July: Summer Concert, details to be confirmed

Please look out for further details on social media and posters.

BETHEL
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Club Vintage - Wednesdays 2-4pm

Club Vintage is designed to support older people and extends a special welcome to those with dementia and their carers. There is a small £3 weekly charge. Each week, members enjoy a rotating variety of activities such as chair-based exercise, singing, bible-based crafts, quizzes, games and entertainment from others.

Thursdays 10:30am-12:00pm

Compass Café "Encompasses the community"

You will receive a very warm welcome at our community run cafe. Enjoy reasonably priced coffee, tea and homemade cakes.

LITTLE LIGHTS - Fridays 10am-12pm

All are welcome, bumps, babies, toddlers, parents and carers. There is no pressure, drop in at anytime for as long as you need. Only £2 per family, which includes cake and coffee for grown ups and drinks and a snack for the little ones! There are optional craft activities and singing as well. We hope you can come along and join us!

The Hub - Fridays 7-9pm

THE HUB

Our Friday night youth club! Open to all secondary aged children. Come along and meet up with friends, chat, play games, listen to music and much more! Snack bar also available. Parents must complete a permission form.

Sunday Services

You are warmly invited to join us at Bethel every Sunday morning from 10:45am for our weekly services followed by coffee in our compass room. The first Sunday of each month is an "all age" café style service. Our Communion service is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

There is lots coming up this Easter at Bethel! Please watch out for more details on upcoming events and services on our facebook page.

Easter dates 2023

Palm Sunday Café Church - 2nd April 10:45am for a family service led by Bethel's youth group.

Easter Messy Church - Sunday 2nd April 4-6pm Arts, Crafts and stories. Something for the whole family, followed by a meal. It does get messy!

Good Friday - 7th April 5pm We will be joining St. Andrew's Church for their reflections on the Stations of the Cross.

Sunrise Service- Sunday 9th April 6:30am Join us at Fen Drayton Lakes for a short service. Meet at the nature reserve car park.

All Age Easter Service - 9th April 10:45am a family celebration service. Come and enjoy Easter together with us!

CONTACT US

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Sue Hope (Secretary) - secretary@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk
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Community Groups & Charities

Swavesey Sustainability Hub	The Sustainability Hub is a community group that offers space and support for people to realise their ideas for a more sustainable way of life. Contact: rvollerthun@gmail.com Website: www.thesustainabilityhub.biz
Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:- www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, E-mail: enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk Website: cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919). Website: care-network.org.uk/
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fundraise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Swavesey Library	A volunteer run community library based in Swavesey Village College. We are able to providing a full range of library facilities being directly linked to the Cambridgeshire County Council library service. For more info see:- www.swavesey.org.uk/village-link/swavesey-library
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815134, Email: clare.bates@each.org.uk
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by DBS checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver Website: http://www.swavesey.org.uk/village-links/owls-community-care-scheme/

CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadet Force	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Sgt Phill Barrett phone 07786981380
Swavesey Girlguiding	<table><tr><th>Unit</th><th>Evening</th><th>Contact</th></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Rainbows</td><td>Thursdays</td><td>caroline@overroad.co.uk</td></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Brownies</td><td>Mondays</td><td>swaveseybrownies@outlook.com</td></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Guides</td><td>Thursdays</td><td>swaveseyguides@gmail.com</td></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Rangers</td><td>Thursdays</td><td>swaveseyrangers@gmail.com</td></tr></table>
Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans are a Chartered Standard Youth Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club runs boys and girls teams from under 6 through to under 17. For information and enquiries please contact Chairperson - Mr Darren Bucknall 07872 681167 Secretary - Mr Simon Dawson 07886 215205 Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 204972
1st Swavesey Scout Group	All sections meet at the Scout Hut on the SVC site **Beavers** Day: Thursday 18:00 to 19:15 Contact: Elizabeth Bush - Beaver Leader elizabeth.bush@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk **Cubs** Day: Tuesday 18:15 to 19:30 Contact: Steven Wilson - Cub Leader steven.wilson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk **Scouts** Day: Wednesday 19:00 to 20:30 Contact : Marian Bentley - Scout Leader Marian.Bentley@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk For any other enquiries please email info@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk
Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre	Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre are based in their own purpose-built unit on the primary school site. It comprises Early Years children (aged from 2 years and 6 Months) between 9am and 3pm (formerly Swavesey Pre School) and we provide activities and care for primary school aged children before and after school. Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 am to 9am and After School Club from 3.15pm to 6pm. For information please contact Carol Panther (Early Years and Playwork Manager) by email: eyandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk or by phone 01954 273312 Ext 2 or 07803 812221.
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College. For further details see: www.swaveseymusic.co.uk/
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St Andrews Church, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Julie Holmes julieholmes78@gmail.com Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk

Health and Wellbeing Club	A club for older adults which runs on the last Tuesday of the month with the exception of December. The group meets at the Community Centre, Thistle Green, Swavesey from 10.00 to 11.30am. Refreshments, chair-based exercises, speakers and time for conversation. No booking is required and the group is Free.
British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Swavesey Tang Soo Do have classes on a Monday and Wednesday in the primary school main hall. Beginners and junior grades are 6pm-7pm and senior grades 7pm-8:15pm. The contact details are Mr and Mrs Morton 07919 050261 and enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk. The website is www.swaveseytsd.co.uk
Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Val Sage Tel 01954 230853
British Legion	For information contact:- Secretary - Angela Dye. 01954 277453. email: dyeangela0@gmail.com
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre.The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams.Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: www.swaveseybadminton.net
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113) Email graham.waites566@btinternet.com
Swavesey Camera Club	At Swavesey Camera Club we are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. For more information visit our website at www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk. We meet every Thursday, 7.30 - 9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome - £4 charge (first visit free). For further details please ring Simon Shore 01954 230848
Swavesey Squash Club	Swavesey Squash Club has three international standard squash courts, in our recently refurbished clubhouse, on the Swavesey Village College site. The club has a number of weekly sessions running, suitable for beginners, improvers, and more advanced players. Unlimited use of the facility from £17 a month. A welcoming and active community club with social events and opportunities for competition. Visit our website for more details or contact Ali Loke on 07776 176866/ali@alilokesquash.com. www.swaveseysquash.com
Swavesey & Over Cycling Club	We meet regularly throughout the year, with rides most weekends and also weekdays on spring and summer evenings. As a Cycling UK affiliated club our goal is to explore a joint passion for cycling in a safe, inclusive and social way. We aim to organise events throughout the year from day & weekend rides in the UK and long weekend trips in Europe. Contact: John Craven Email: socccommittee@gmail.com Facebook: https://bit.ly/3GJCksZ_SOCC or Website: https://swaveseyovercc.wixsite.com/socc

Over Netball Club	We train on a Tuesday night 7pm till 8.30pm on the outdoor courts at Swavesey Village College. Small friendly club, play in CDNL local league, beginners/ everyone welcome. Cost £3 per session. Contact is Lucy Parsons lucyparsons801@gmail.com. We train at Northstowe Secondary Academy on Tuesdays 7-8:30pm
Compass Cafe	Meets every Thursday morning from 10.30 until 12.00 at Bethel Baptist Church. Contact Sue Ellington on 01954 202923 or sue.ellington@virgin.net
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Global Resources Centre, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Institute Football Club	New players always welcome, please contact: Phil Baines on 01954 200377 [Saturday sides] or Jerry Ladell on (01954) 201018 [Veterans side].
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Church 9-30 to 11-30 am. Beginners always welcome. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 Email: deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Meet at Bethel Baptist Church, Middlewatch, Swavesey CB24 4RP commencing at 7.30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month unless otherwise stated. If you need a lift: PHONE: Trevor Grange - 01954 230119 or Pat Miles - 01954 780485. Guests Are Always Welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.00 to 9.00pm. From 1 April - 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Wednesdays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from s.taylor996@btinternet.com https://swaveseyovertennis.wixsite.com/sotc
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome.Contact: Nathalie Balzano: nathaliewoodward@hotmail.com Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk
Swavesey Speakers	Develop your public speaking skills at this Toastmasters International club. Guests welcome! 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Memorial Hall from 7pm to 9pm (occasional venue change). More details: www.swaveseyspeakers.toastmastersclubs.org or call/text Faye on 07908 443610.
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Margaret Guest tel (01954)202757
Women's Walking	Women's Walking on Mondays and Fridays at 10:00AM. Meet on Market Street green. Walk for approximately one hour on pathways in and around Swavesey. A chance to exercise and chat. Reasonably robust footwear recommended. All welcome. Clare Fox 01954 202882

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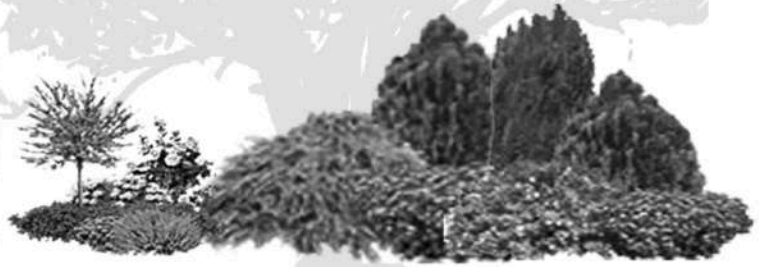

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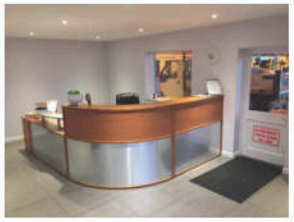

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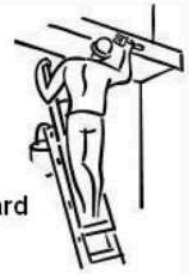

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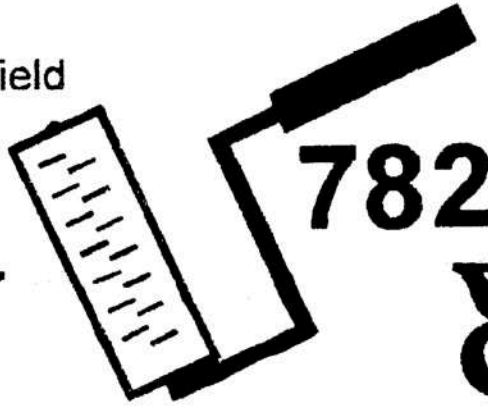

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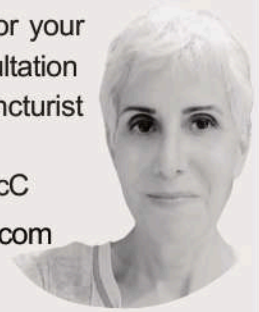

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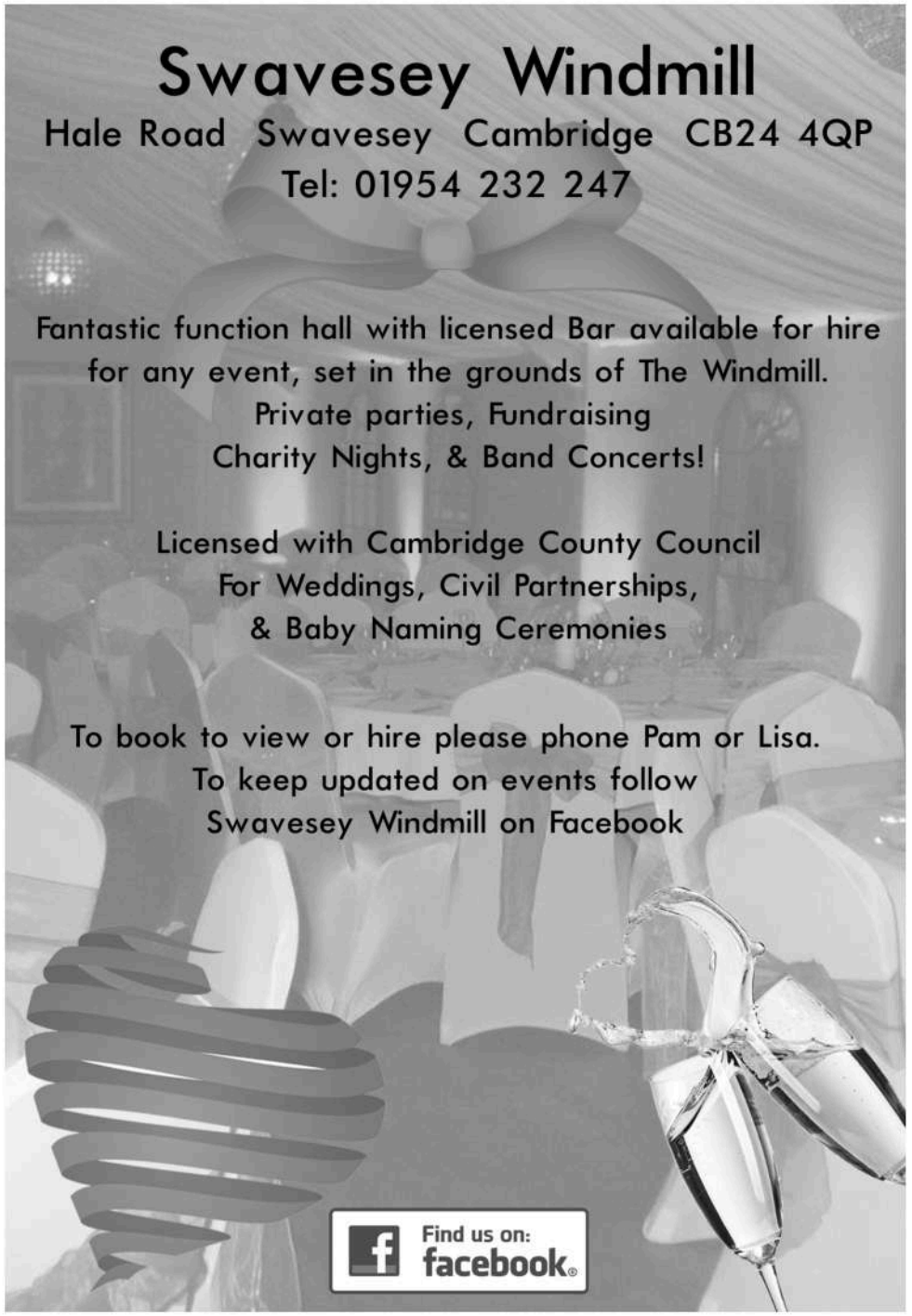
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Local Taxi: Alpha Cars	01954 232300	www.alphacarsonline.co.uk
Gatwick	0844 892 0322	www.gatwickairport.com
Heathrow	0844 335 1801	www.heathrow.com
Luton	01582 405100	www.london-luton.co.uk
Stansted	0808 169 7031	www.stanstedairport.com
Traveline (Bus Coach & Rail)	0871 200 22 33	www.traveline.info
Local Timetables:		
Cambridgeshire Bus Information		www.cambridgeshirebus.info
Stagecoach	01223 433250 0345 241 8000	www.stagecoachbus.com
National Express Coaches	03717 81 81 81	www.nationalexpress.com
Whippet Coaches	01954 230011	www.go-whippet.co.uk
National Rail	03457 48 49 50	www.nationalrail.co.uk
Veterinary Practices:		
Village Vet (Longstanton)	01954 780027	www.villagevet.co.uk
Ash Croft (Hardwick)	01954 210250	www.ashcroftvet.co.uk

St Andrew's Church, Swavesey

Easter Fair

Saturday, April 1st
2-4pm

Help us make our Easter Garden

Make your own Easter Garden

Easter Egg Tombola

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Teas and Cakes

Entry Free

The Sustainability Hub Spring Event
April 29, 10-2, Swavesey Memorial Hall
Repair Cafe, family activities, Biodiversity project. All activities are free. See www.thesustainabilityhub.biz for details